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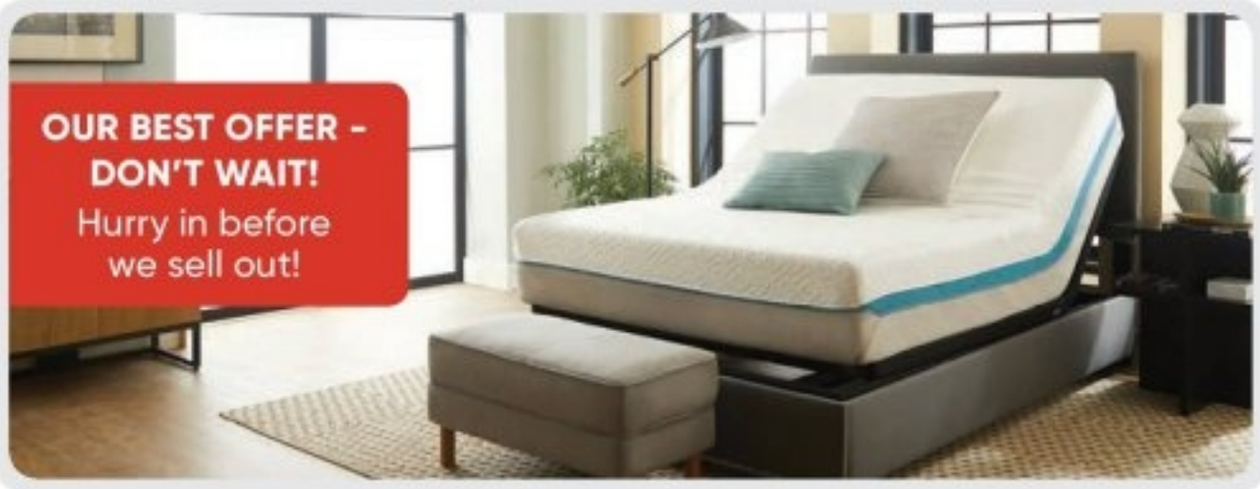

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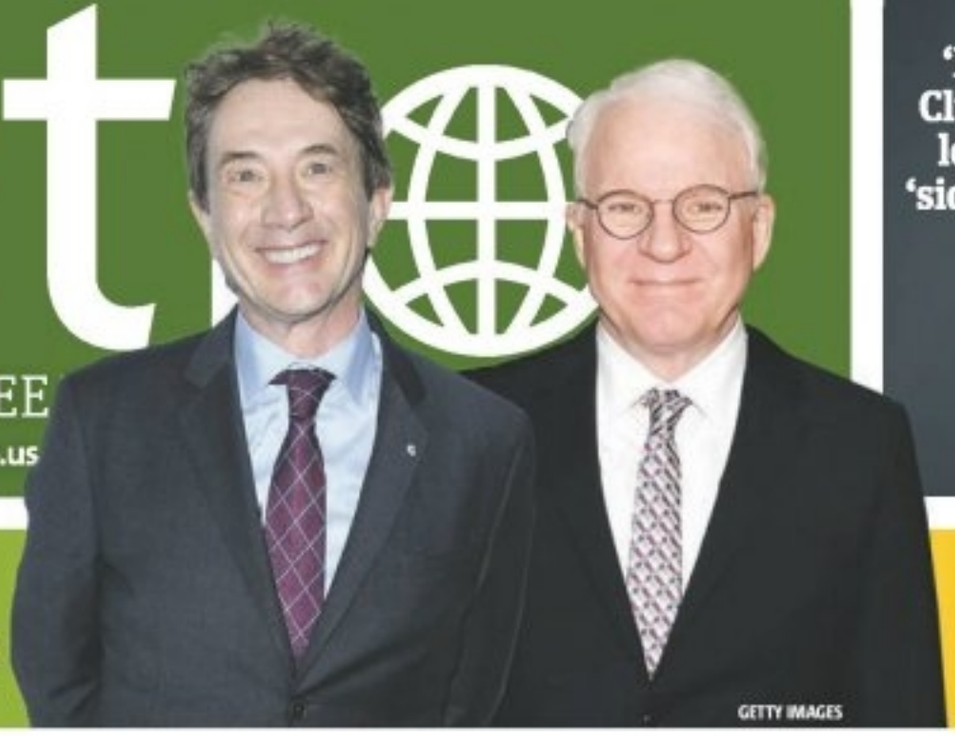
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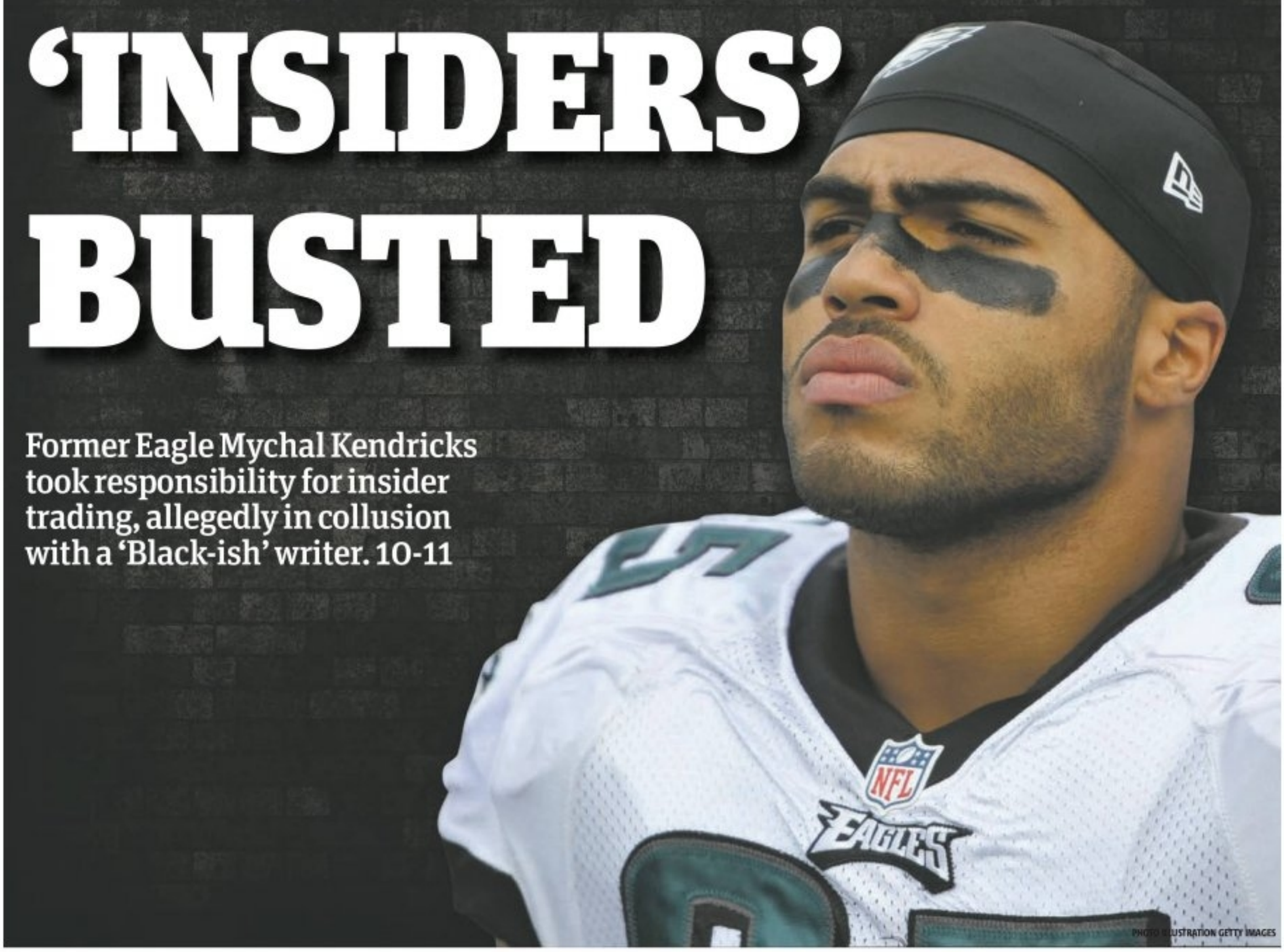

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Well, the fun had to end sometime. Summer will unofficially come to a close with the long weekend in honor of Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 3. But before pumpkin spice latte and back-to-school season kicks into high gear for fall, there's still some time to sneak in one more beach trip or a day of exploring the city. Read ahead to find out all the best things to do over Labor Day weekend and make sure to stay up-to-date on everything happening around town at **metro.us**.

TRUMP, TRUDEAU UPBEAT ABOUT NAFTA DEAL

1 The leaders of the United States and Canada expressed optimism on Wednesday that they could reach new NAFTA deal by a Friday deadline as negotiators prepared to talk through the night, although Canada warned that a number of tricky issues remained. Under pressure, Canada rejoined the talks to modernize the 24-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement after Mexico and the United States announced a bilateral deal on Monday. Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland said late on Wednesday that talks were at "a very intense moment" but said there was "a lot of good will" between Canadian and U.S. negotiators. "Our officials are meeting now and will be meeting until very late tonight. Possibly they'll be meeting all night long," Freeland said. She and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer had agreed to review progress early on Thursday. President Donald Trump has set a Friday deadline for the three countries to reach an in-principle agreement, which would allow Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto to sign it before he leaves office at the end of November.

3 RELEASED FROM JAIL IN NM COMPOUND CASE

2 Three people were released from jail in Taos, N.M., on Wednesday after a judge dismissed charges of child abuse at their desert compound where a toddler's body was found, a defense lawyer said. Judge Emilio Chavez ordered charges to be dropped against Lucas Morton, his wife Subhannah Wahhaj and her sister Hujrah Wahhaj because prosecutors failed to follow a procedural rule after they were charged and jailed. "They're out now," said Megan Mitsunaga, a defense attorney for Subhannah Wahhaj. The three still face a criminal trespassing case in magistrates court in Taos County for mistakenly building their makeshift settlement on a plot of land near Amalia, N.M. that did not belong to them, Mitsunaga said. She said state prosecutors had not indicated whether they intended to file new charges against the three, after accusing them of planning attacks on "corrupt institutions." Another New Mexico judge on Wednesday dismissed child abuse charges against two other defendants from the compound based on the prosecution's failure to follow basic court procedure set down by New Mexico law.

MCCAIN LIES IN STATE

3 The late U.S. Sen. John McCain lay in state at the Arizona Capitol Rotunda on Wednesday in Phoenix, Ariz. McCain, who died last Saturday, will lie in state on Friday at the U.S. Capitol followed by a private service at Annapolis.

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'MONKEY' COMMENT DRAWS FIRE IN FLORIDA

4 Republican U.S. Congressman Ron DeSantis came under fire on Wednesday when the President Trump-backed Florida gubernatorial candidate said his state should not "monkey this up" by electing Democratic Mayor Andrew Gillum, who is African-American. Gillum scored a surprise victory in Tuesday's Democratic primary for one of the country's most competitive races for governor. If the 39-year-old Tallahassee mayor wins the Nov. 6 election, he would become the most populous U.S. swing state's first black governor. Critics on Wednesday blasted DeSantis, a staunch Donald Trump supporter who won his party's nomination the previous day, for comments they said had racist undertones. Interviewed on Fox News, DeSantis said, "The last thing we need to do is to monkey this up by trying to embrace a socialist agenda with huge tax increases," after calling Gillum "an articulate" spokesman for far-left views. Words like "monkey" or "ape" have been used to demean African-Americans and calling a black man "articulate" can be seen as racist.

CUOMO, NIXON NY GOV DEBATE GETS HEATED

5 New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and challenger Cynthia Nixon argued over who was the stauncher opponent of President Donald Trump on Wednesday in their only debate as they battle for the state's Democratic gubernatorial nomination next month. Cuomo, who is seeking a third term as governor, promised he would not run for the U.S. presidency in 2020, despite expectations to the contrary. In often prickly exchanges over the course of an hour, Nixon, an actress and activist who is running to Cuomo's left and trailing him in opinion polls, tried to cast the governor as acting mainly in the interests of corporate donors to his campaign. Cuomo painted Nixon, who won an Emmy for her portrayal of lawyer Miranda Hobbes on the HBO show "Sex and the City," as inexperienced and naive about the practicalities of New York politics. Nixon came equipped with statistics and an array of policy positions on topics like rent control and transit funding, which Cuomo frequently rebuffed as flawed. He described Trump, a Republican, as "the largest threat" faced by New Yorkers.

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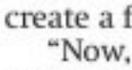
Philly homicide detective off street for alleged racist letter over ribs

A white Philly homicide detective wrote an angry note to a black colleague that has been criticized for alleged racial overtones.



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There have been 218 homicides so far this year in Philadelphia — a nine-percent increase over this time last year — and a rash of recent killings of teenagers and young people over the summer. But the scandal currently roiling the detectives in the Philly Police Department's Homicide Unit is about an allegedly racist letter prompted by someone's rib lunch being improperly disposed of.

Philly Police Commissioner Richard Ross said the department is investigating the letter, which was written by a white homicide detective to a black detective, openly berating him for leaving ribs in the trash. The detective letter-writer, by his own word, was reportedly outraged, as the ribs had begun to rot and create a foul odor.

"Now, in that I have a sense of etiquette and social fluency instilled in me from my upbringing by traditional, caring parents, I am offended by this. Alas, that same education prevents me from being upset with you — you can't blame a filthy savage for being a filthy savage," states the allegedly racist letter, which was signed Jimmy Crone.

Det. Crone is currently off street duty while the allegedly racist letter is being investigated, said Philly Police Commissioner Richard Ross.

"'Wow' was my first reaction," Ross said at a press conference Tuesday. "It didn't fit the offense. ... To me, it didn't make a lot of sense."

The letter goes on to tell the unidentified eater of the ribs: "As I'm sure you were not burdened by significant schooling, and were birthed to an alcoholic, absent father and a rancid whore of a mother, you simply are ignorant of the fact that you are little more than an upright animal. The conditions of our workplace are not glamorous or accommodating, but we can make it tolerable to be inhabited by decent, civilized human beings by following some simple rules of propriety. I am not in any manner trying to embarrass you, just the opposite: I'm here to offer my guidance and assistance in helping you make the difficult transition from a grotesque, primal animal to tolerable coworker."

The letter was posted publicly in the Homicide Unit kitchen, Ross said.

"He taped it over the garbage can where he found the ribs," he said.

Crone, a 22-year veteran, reportedly admitted to writing the letter.

"The Police Advisory Commission was shocked, saddened and outraged by the racist and bigoted letter."
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Ross said some language in the letter touched on historically derogative references to African-Americans, and said it could be a sign of a need for racial bias training among the police force.

"None of it is a panacea," Ross said, "[but] we have a higher standard we have to live up to."

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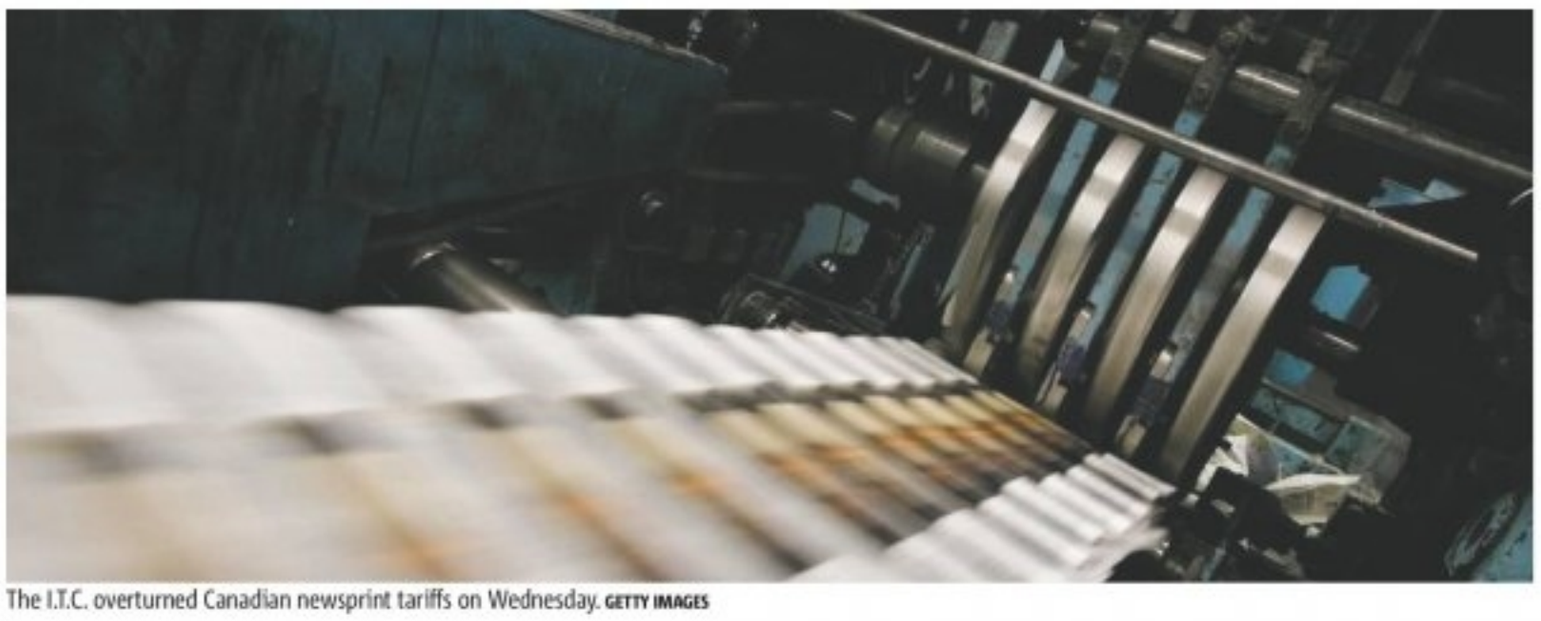

The I.T.C. overturned Canadian newsprint tariffs on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

US Trade Commission kills Trump's tariffs on Canadian paper

"The I.T.C.'s decision will help to preserve the vitality of local newspapers," said News Media Alliance's president.

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The U.S. International Trade Commission on Wednesday overturned Canadian newsprint tariffs imposed by the Trump administration in January, claiming that imports from Canada don't hurt the American printing and publishing industry.

The commission voted unanimously on the issue, agreeing that the imports from Canada of uncoated groundwood paper does not harm paper producers in the United States, The Canadian Press reported. The paper is made to produce newspapers and in commercial printing and book publishing.

"A U.S. industry is not materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of imports of uncoated groundwood paper from Canada that the U.S. Department of Commerce has determined are subsidized and sold in the United States at less than fair value," the commission said in a statement.

The New York Times called the unanimous decision a "win" for smaller and medium-sized newspapers who were hit by the tariffs, which were as high as 20 percent on Canadian newsprint. The tariffs reportedly led to the cutting of staff and printing days for some small newspapers, the Times reported.

"Today is a great day for American journalism," David Chavern, the president and chief executive of News Media Alliance, told the Times.

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Arrest made in murder of Playboy model in Philly

The mystery of how Christina Carlin-Kraft wound up strangled in an Ardmore apartment last week may have been solved.

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An arrest has been made in the murder of former Playboy model Christina Carlin-Kraft, 36, found dead Aug. 22 in her Ardmore apartment. PROVIDED

Police said on Wednesday the man they say strangled a model to death inside her Lower Merion apartment last week was arrested in Pittsburgh.

Christina Carlin-Kraft, 36, a model who was featured in Playboy, Maxim, Vanity Fair and Victoria's Secret, was found dead from ligature strangulation on Aug. 22 in Ardmore.

Now, Johnathan Wesley Harris, 30, will face charges of first-degree and second-degree murder, as well as taking items from the victim's apartment on the 100 block of Sibley Avenue, just around the corner from Suburban Square, adjacent to the Ardmore train station.

"The beating was substantial," said Montgomery County DA Kevin Steele in a press conference to announce the charges against Harris on Wednesday. "Her nose was broken, she had black eyes, she died from ligature strangulation. Something was put around her neck, and for somebody's life to be taken by strangulation, it takes a long time and a lot of pressure, and that's what happened in this case. It was a violent death."

"She died from ligature strangulation. It was a violent death."

Kevin Steele, Montgomery County DA

The warrant for Harris's arrest was issued Wednesday. Law enforcement released surveillance images of him to the media caught from Carlin-Kraft's building, and received an anonymous tip identifying him, police said. U.S. Marshals reportedly apprehended him that same day as he stepped off a bus in Pittsburgh. He will be extradited back to Montgomery County.

Harris allegedly sent a text message at 2:40 a.m. on Aug. 22 to a friend that Steele read, stating, "You still up g? I just met this sexy a– white b—, I'm at her crib in Ardmore."

Steele declined to comment on a possible motive, but said the two met in Center City earlier that night. Kraft reportedly took a Lyft to 14th and Chestnut, and investigators found video of her meeting Harris nearby.

Carlin-Kraft, also known as Christina Kraft, willing re-entered her apartment with the suspect around 3 a.m., as caught on surveillance tape. Harris was not caught on tape leaving and is believed to have exited by balcony around 5:19 a.m. when a back door to the terrace was closed. Harris also allegedly stole unspecified items from her apartment. Kraft was found dead around 9:15 p.m. on Aug. 22 during a wellness check by police.

"The victim was in Center City, the victim met him, and whether it was a chance meeting or something else, I can't say, but they then got into some kind of transportation and we know that they came back and came to the apartment on Sibley Avenue," Steele said. "That didn't appear to be a situation where she was being held by a gun or anything like that."

Harris was reportedly released from prison in July. He was arrested just hours after her funeral near Ventnor, N.J., where she grew up.

Police also are seeking a suspect, Andre Melton, 31, wanted for a previous burglary of Kraft's apartment, which she had reported to police — but claimed to not remember.

On Aug. 18, Kraft had also been in Center City, but told authorities she remembered nothing after having an espresso martini at the Sofitel Hotel, the Inquirer reported.

During that night, Kraft allegedly met with Melton, who returned to her apartment in a ride-sharing service. Kraft told police her next memory was waking up with several possessions missing. Surveillance video of the apartment lobby caught a male suspect leaving her building holding a box, presumably of her possessions.

Melton's residence on the 6500 block of Theodore Street in Southwest Philly was searched by police, and several of Kraft's stolen possession were recovered there, police say. Two other people in the house were also arrested on drug possession charges, but Melton remains wanted. He is believed to be driving a rented burgundy Kia Sorrento with Virginia plates.

Kraft had reportedly moved into the apartment on Sibley Avenue just a week before her murder.

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Former Eagle Kendricks indicted on insider trading charges

Kendricks is accused of an insider trading plot that netted him $1.2 million in profitable trades.

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Former Philadelphia Eagles Super Bowl champ Mychal Kendricks was indicted on insider trading after allegedly being tipped off by an investment banker who wrote for the show "Black-ish."

Kendricks, 27, a resident of Fresno, Calif., and Damilare Sonoiki, 27, a former investment banker from Beverly Hills who was a writer for the television series "Black-ish," are both facing charges over an allegedly illegal stock tip that Sonoiki is said to have given Kendricks.

"As alleged, Mr. Sonoiki and Mr. Kendricks cheated the market, cheated other investors, and placed themselves above the law," said U.S. Attorney William McSwain in a statement. "When individuals engage in insider trading — buying and selling securities based on material, non-public information — it undermines faith in our financial markets and harms ordinary investors who do play by the rules. … My office will continue to work with our law enforcement partners to maintain the integrity of the financial markets, which is one of our top priorities."

On Wednesday, Kendricks was waived by the Cleveland Browns.

Federal prosecutors say Sonoiki and Kendricks could face a maximum possible sentence of 25 years in prison and a $5.25 million fine, plus a possible restitution order, for Sonoiki allegedly tipping off Kendricks to corporate mergers and leading him to net $1.2 million in profitable trades.

"When individuals engage in insider trading, it undermines faith in our financial markets and harms ordinary investors."
William McSwain, US attorney

The Browns said they are discussing the matter with their legal office, but said Kendricks would not take the field at the team's scheduled last preseason game on Thursday against the Detroit Lions.

Kendricks was an integral member on the Eagles' Lombardi Trophy-winning squad, who left the team and moved to the Browns during the offseason. Sonoiki is a television writer and producer and former investment banker whose credits include working as a staff writer on Season 2 of the critically acclaimed series "Black-ish."

Specifically, prosecutors claim that Kendricks acted on Sonoiki's tip about an impending merger to purchase shares of telecom companies Compuware, Move, Sapient, and Oplink, then sold the shares after the merger at a profit of $1.2 million — with one trade netting a 400 percent profit, according to the Securities & Exchanges Commission (SEC).

The scheme was hatched after the two met at a party, the SEC said. Kendricks allegedly repaid Sonoiki for the tips with NFL tickets, cash kickbacks, and by inviting him for the evening on the set of a Tevana Taylor music video in which Kendricks made a cameo, according to the SEC. "Bread" and "cheesesteak" were allegedly codewords Sonoiki used to refer to kickbacks in text messages with Kendricks, according to the indictment.

"As alleged, Mychal Kendricks used material non-public information, provided by his co-defendant, to score significant profits from expected market moves," said FBI Philadelphia Assistant Special Agent in Charge Christian Zajac. "That's not merely gaming the system — that's a federal crime."

In a statement, Kendricks said that he had indeed participated in insider trading, laid blame on his co-defendant Sonoiki, and apologized to his teammates and the NFL. He added that he didn't keep any of the profits.

"Four years ago, I participated in insider trading, and I deeply regret it," Kendricks said in a statement posted on Twitter. "I invested money

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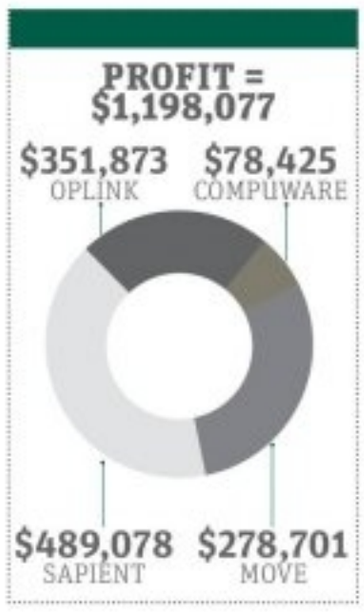
Former Eagles linebacker Mychal Kendricks, left, and Namilare Sonoiki, a former writer for TV series "Black-ish," are facing federal charges of colluding on an insider trading scheme. GETTY IMAGES / PROVIDED

with a former friend of mine who I thought I could trust and who I greatly admired. ... I had worked my tail off since I was 5 years old to become a football player. ... While I didn't fully understand all the details of the illegal trades, I knew it was wrong, and I wholeheartedly regret my actions. ... Although I did not take any of the profits for myself, I am committed to repaying all the funds gained illegally and accepting the consequences of my actions."

Sonoiki, a son of Nigerian immigrants, grew up in Southwest Houston and through the A Better Chance program went to a boarding school in Virginia before attending Harvard, according to a talk he gave at the school in 2013. He was hired as a junior trader at Goldman Sachs shortly after college. He later told an interviewer that working in banking felt "soulless."

Additional reporting by Jovan Alford.



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‘Breakfast Club’ co-host helping turn ‘hustlers’ into entrepreneurs

Angela Yee is on a search to find the top “side hustlers” in a nationwide contest.

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From Wu Tang to wheatgrass, a lifetime of hustle and hard lessons have paid off for “Breakfast Club” co-host Angela Yee.

And now the syndicated morning-show star and juice entrepreneur is lending her expertise to helping others turn their “side hustles” into fulfilling — and lucrative — careers.

“You’re so much happier when you’re doing something you love, even if it doesn’t pay off financially at first. I do feel like one of the biggest mistakes I made [early on] was putting money over happiness.”

Yee is also co-owner of Brooklyn’s Juices for Life and is teaming up with Amp Energy Organic for “The Search for the Ultimate Side Hustlers” nationwide contest.

“You’re so much happier when you’re doing something you love.”
Angela Lee

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Yee and the Amp Energy team will review submissions from participants throughout the nation for the best-laid-out hustle ideas — those crazy projects you do on top of your 9-to-5 in order to either make ends meet or fulfill a career passion — and select the five best ideas. Think “Shark Tank” for hustlers, without the investment incentives.

The contest began this week and lasts until Sept. 16. The final five will then get the opportunity to show off their hustles at the Powerhouse NYC 2018 pre-event on Oct. 24 and Oct. 28’s main show, which will be headlined by Grammy-winning rapper Cardi B.

“When you want something bad enough, you need to put in the work and keep it going until you make it happen,” Yee says. “I’m excited to hear from people who are getting home from work and turning around to put the same amount of energy into their passion project.”

Long before she skyrocketed to national fame with “The Breakfast Club,” Yee was highly regarded — and quite happy — as a member of Wu Tang Management. She regrettably admits, though, that she took a larger salary at another record label at the expense of a job she loved.

“[When I resigned] I told my boss I needed to speak with him,” Yee said. “Before I said anything, he says to me ‘Oh, I just wanted to say everyone loves you, we’ve been getting great compliments on you … thank you so much.’ And then I had to quit right after that. Talk about awkward. It was a bad decision.”

Yee has bounced back, and quite well, dishing hip-hop info in the morning and doling out green juices at her Brooklyn juice bar in the evening — call it her passion project. “It definitely feels like a five-to-nine job,” she says.

As a contest judge, Yee will pass her experience to the participants, helping them turn a side project into a profitable career. A variety of skills are needed, according to Yee — commitment, prioritizing and especially networking. “Nobody can do it alone,” Yee says. “We should never think, ‘This is me, by myself, on an island, trying to make a business work.’ You’ll drive yourself crazy.”

But there is one necessary investment, Yee stresses: yourself. “We’re scared sometimes to take a risk and go out there and spend our own money to start a business, but we really have to do that,” she says. “We really have to gamble on ourselves because that’s when great things can happen.”

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Russell Senate Office Building prematurely becomes McCain building

It appears that Google Maps has renamed the Russell Senate Office Building the McCain Senate Office Building.

On Wednesday morning, users searching for the Russell Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C. in Google Maps were directed to the McCain Senate Office Building, indicating that the name of the building had changed.

Following the passing of Sen. John McCain, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer announced his plans to change the name of the building, which is currently named after Georgia senator and white supremacist Richard B. Russell Jr.

Google noticed the premature name change by Wednesday afternoon. Now, when McCain Senate Office Building is searched in Google Maps, it redirects to the Russell State Office Building.

A Google rep told CNN that the name change was done in error and suggested that it was probably by users suggesting it should be changed.

"We empower people to contribute their local knowledge to the map, but we recognize that there may be occasional inaccuracies or premature changes suggested by users," the Google spokesperson said in a statement to CNN. "When this happens, we work to address [them] as quickly as possible," Google added.

Although Google says the untimely name change was the result of user suggestions, and has since been corrected, the McCain name is still on the map.

It's unclear if or when the building's official name change proposed by Schumer will go through, but it appears that Google users are demanding it. LENYON WHITAKER

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Gemini Changes are taking place behind closed doors. Consider what's happening and refuse to be left out. Offer insight that will make others take note and invite you to join in.

Cancer How you help others will make a difference. You can let someone take advantage of you or you can set the standard, make the rules and ensure that you are treated fairly.

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Virgo Rearrange your schedule to include something that brings you joy. A lifestyle change will encourage you to make an even bigger shift.

Libra A personal change may not be your choice, but accepting the inevitable will lead to benefits. If you discuss your concerns with a former co-worker, something positive will transpire.

Scorpio An interesting concept will get you thinking about different ways to use your money to bring about favorable changes. A partnership will enhance your prospects.

Sagittarius Use your intelligence to come up with an alternative that will work to your benefit. Don't give in to someone trying to pressure you into something you don't need.

Capricorn Look over your personal papers, negotiate contracts or invest your money in something concrete. Refuse to give in to emotional spending and don't try to buy someone's love.

Aquarius A change proposed by others will not live up to expectations. Take the smart route and wait for evidence that supports the promises being made.

Pisces You'll receive the help you need if you ask for it. Much can be accomplished if you are disciplined and ready to implement the changes required to get what you want. A job prospect looks promising. EUGENIA LAST

'Destination Wedding' is the most surprising movie of 2018

Director Victor Levin talks working with Keanu Reeves and Winona Ryder on the indie flick.

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"Destination Wedding" opens in theaters August 31.
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When it was announced that Keanu Reeves and Winona Ryder would be pairing up for what was seemingly a romantic comedy about two strangers who come together for the "Destination Wedding," the internet went into overdrive with nostalgia.

The film marks the fourth collaboration between the two beloved actors, but rather than being an overly sentimental rom-com that has the predictable highs and lows, "Destination Wedding" actually has much more in common with the art-house European movies of the '60s and '70s. We caught up with writer and director Victor Levin to chat about making what could be the most surprising movie of 2018.

What sort of audience do you think this movie can find?

The audience for this movie is people who are interested in these questions. There's the question of bouncing back, but also several other questions are touched upon along the way. Most of these things are discussed through dialogue. They are not played out through events. These are two people at the exiles table at a wedding. They are far from the center of things, happiness and life, and they are left to their own devices. They don't like the weekend, they don't like each other, they don't like themselves very much. But there is nothing else to do but talk and air your grievances, and in that process, they get to know each other and recognize a spark in one another.

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It feels like a European film from the '60s.

I love those movies. I am massive fan of Eric Rohmer. Watching his films and the body of the French New Wave, this idea definitely stayed with me that a good conversation is perfectly legitimate moviemaking.

It seems like the film's main motif is the lost art of the conversation.

In my opinion the public discourse, having a great deal to do with our politics has become so harsh and such a constant backbeat to our existence that I wanted to put that in the film. I feel like it is so hard to be our best when whenever you turn on the television, radio and find yourself in a political discussion with friends, there is an edge that could easily be mistaken for rancour. This wasn't how it was when I was growing up. People disagreed and were angry but it wasn't bilious or acidic as this. It was a more straightforward kind of conflict. The current public discourse feels terrible to me. It feels evil. If you're a person that is struggling with their own issues, as these two characters are, and you're living in a world that constantly tells you how nasty it is, then it becomes that much harder for you to recover and get to a place of happiness.

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‘Operation Finale’ timely highlights that Nazi Germany was not a ‘unique scenario’

Director Chris Weitz opens up about his new drama starring Oscar Isaac and Ben Kingsley.

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Chris Weitz didn’t need much persuading to oversee “Operation Finale.”

Not only was English writer Matthew Orton’s script “great,” but the story of Mossad spies, played by Oscar Isaac, Melanie Laurent and Nick Kroll, tracking down and capturing Ben Kingsley’s Adolf Eichmann in Argentina “hit a button” for the filmmaker, too.

For those who don’t know, Eichmann was one of the architects of the Holocaust in Nazi Germany, who escaped to South America after the Second World War.

“I grew up with all of these subjects,” Weitz tells Metro. “My dad wrote books about Nazis. He was an historian as well as a refugee and a veteran. So it fit into my wheelhouse.”

But there was also a more pressing and timely reason why Weitz wanted to sink his teeth into “Operation Finale.”

“I think that we are facing the rise of nationalists and basically fascists and racist movements around the world. And what this story indicated to me is that we like to think that Nazi Germany was a unique scenario,” says Weitz. “In that it is not only psychopaths and sadists that committed these crimes. But actually it was theoretically normal people, who loved their families, were good at their jobs, but were very ambitious, very careerist, very opportunistic, who committed these crimes.”

He adds, “It takes people like that, not just maniacs, to make something terrible like the Holocaust happen.”

So was Weitz trying to normalize Eichmann in “Operation Finale”?

“I don’t think he really needs normalization. In his own way, he was normal. Left to his own devices, he’d have probably become the guy that he ended up as. Which was a guy working at a Mercedes-Benz factory, with a wife and kids,” says Weitz. “But what happens when demagogues use racial hatred to gain political power is that all kinds of people get caught up in it.”

Director Chris Weitz talks us through his timely historical drama. METRO GOLDWYN MAYER PICTURES

With “Operation Finale,” though, Weitz was intent on making the film as entertaining as possible for his audience, while still sneaking his message through.

“I wanted to make a suspense thriller, in terms of all the bells and whistles and the genre tappings that you want. So that I could make a gripping kind of yarn,” he says. “Also to sneak in as much meaning as I possibly could to the story. I wanted to get stuff that was really relevant to me in there.”

“I wanted to say stuff about living in a post-truth world, where everything appears to be debatable and arguable,” Weitz adds. “Everyone is trying to present their own version of the truth. A lot of the battle between Oscar’s character and Sir Ben’s character is about that.”

“Operation Finale” is in theaters.

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For Sneakerheads, sports footwear turns luxury

From street to runway, Metro investigates the subculture behind shoes originally designed for exercise, now reselling for thousands.

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Sneakers have become a wardrobe staple. With athleisure and sporty-chic clothing reaching trendy status during the last five years, it is not uncommon to see this footwear worn even with formal attire. There is also a whole subculture around sneakers that has emerged since the '80s that considers them luxury items. Metro examines the evolution of the Sneakerheads trend.

Origins

The so-called Sneakerheads were born in the '80s. The first model of footwear that generated inspired collectors was the Nike Air Jordan, made popular by then-emerging NBA star Michael Jordan in 1985. Hip-hop subculture and the rise of pieces made for sports as a fashion element generated products with high design value. Brands took advantage of the "boom" and started to release limited-edition collections.

Nike Air Jordan Retro.

Collections

Models of footwear most appreciated within the Sneakerhead subculture are the Air Jordan, Nike Air Force, Nike Air Jordan, Nike's SB skateboarding line and Nike Air Max. Other collections of note include Yeezy, launched by rapper Kanye West, Adidas Originals by Stan Smith, Puma Suede and Common Projects.

Limited-edition City Sock sneakers from Adidas x United Arrows & Sons, the model popular with thousands of collectors worldwide. ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED

Runway

Recently, fashion brands have released new models of sneakers to please shoe lovers and luxury brand fans. It all started with the collaboration of Yohji Yamamoto and Adidas in 2001. After that, several brands created their own lines of high-end footwear. Balenciaga launched its Triple S slippers, which now cost a fortune on the internet, where they are resold for more than $1,000. Gucci has made platform trainers, and Louis Vuitton has emblazoned sneakers with its monogram. In 2017, Nike released an AirVaporMax collaboration with Comme des Garçons. The latest desirable items in the Nike family are those in collaboration with Virgil Abloh.

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Fireworks on the Delaware River

After a military concert with the U.S. Army Band Downrange at Penn's Landing, it's time for the big KABOOM – probably the last mega-fireworks show until New Year's Eve. **Sept. 1, 9:30 p.m., Great Plaza at Penn's Landing, 101 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd., free, delawareriverwaterfront.com**

COMEDY

Amy Schumer

If you miss the Amy Schumer who made rude jokes on "Last Comic Standing," and her own Comedy Central program "Inside Amy Schumer" – as opposed to the Amy Schumer who appeared on Broadway or made a few movies – this night's for you. **Sept.1, 8 p.m., Hard Rock Atlantic City, 1000 Boardwalk, Atlantic City, N.J., $99+, hardrockhotelatlanticcity.com**

HISTORY

Philadelphia's Historic District in Old City

You never miss the water until the well runs dry, so get to the original OC's final free showings of the Military Muster at Signers Garden (5th and Chestnut), Storytime in the Square (at Franklin Square) and other events that end this Labor Day weekend. **Sept. 1-3, 10 a.m., various locations, historicphiladelphia.org**

MUSIC

Chris Issak

The handsome man behind the '90s classic "Wicked Game" is an amazing guitarist, an impressive humorist, a snappy dresser and – vocally – the only true successor to the haunting Roy Orbison. **Aug. 31, 8 p.m., Xcite Center at Parx Casino, 2999 Street Rd., Bensalem, $45+, parxcasino.com**

FOOD

Blue Corn Lifestyle: Green and Organic Fest

Sustainable living and eating through the lens of "Mexican indigenous traditions and modern-day Mexican farmer culture, centered around corn" is the best part of this afternoon in the sun. **Sept. 2, noon, Great Plaza at Penn's Landing, 101 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd., free, pay as you go, bluecornlifestyle.com**

Volksfest at Canstatter-Verein

The Canstatter German Society in Torresdale gets ready for Oktoberfest early with a three-day party featuring tons of German food and beers. Yahoo. **Sept. 1-3, noon., Cannstatter Volkfest Verein, 9130 Academy Rd., cannstatter.org/history/gallery**

ART

Photo Pop Philly's Last Week

Twelve of Philly's most auspicious pop artists (These Pink Lips, Martha Rich, Pop Up Polaroid, Alloyius Mcilwaine, Orchid Design, Catron Lee, Nero, AYECrtv, Benjamin Howard, Amberella, Get Up) created an installation-exhibition dedicated to all things local and lovely. That closes out this weekend, with a soundtrack dedicated to Made in America's players. **Aug. 31- Sept. 3, 12:00 p.m., Philadelphia Building, 1315 Walnut St., $20, showclix.com/event/photo-pop-philly**

FAMILY

Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest Finale

No more hammocks, mini-golf, outdoor roller rink, Ferris wheel or any of the other additions to the Midway after Labor Day Monday so get down to the Del-Riv and enjoy. **Aug. 31 – Sept. 3, 1 p.m., Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest, 101 S. Columbus Blvd., Roller skating $3, skate rental $10, everything else price varies, delawareriverwaterfront.com**

Ken Jeong

The star of "The Hangiver" and "Crazy Rich Asians" does stand-up? Really? Who knew? And what does it look like? **Sept. 1, 9 p.m., The Music Box at the Borgata, 1 Borgata Way, Atlantic City, N.J., $59+, theborgata.com**

The Mad Decent Block Party

One-time Philly fellow Diplo and his Mad Decent label crew (Cashmere Cat, Jai Wolf, Anna Lunoe, Dirty South Joe) show you how to block rock a block party without open fire hydrants, but, surely with jump ropes. **Sept. 2, 10 p.m., The Fillmore Philly, 26 E Allen St., $40, thefillmorephilly.com**

Everything you need to know about Made in America 2018

Jay-Z's curated music fest will return to Philly at the end of the summer.

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For the past six years, Jay-Z's curated music festival Made in America has been treating music lovers in Philadelphia to eclectic lineups that span the best artists in genres from hip-hop and R&B to rock and EDM. Over the years, some of the biggest names in music have played the festival, including Beyoncé, Pearl Jam, Drake, Kanye West and of course, Jay himself. Here is everything you need to know about Made in America 2018.

When and where is Philly's Made in America 2018?
The festival will take place from Saturday, Sept. 1 through Sunday, Sept. 2 and will take over Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

Made in America 2018 ticket info
Tickets are still available for Made in America 2018 and there are a few different options for you to choose from. As of right now, there are no single-day tickets available. General admission tickets for both days of the festival will cost you $175 plus fees to attend. If you want to kick things up, VIP tickets for the full festival will cost you $750 before fees for the full weekend. These tickets will include "on-site VIP concierge team and access to the Presidents' Quarters with air conditioning, a premium cash bar, signature D'USSE cocktails, and a premium selection of food concessions for purchase. Furthermore, VIPs will have access to the VIP viewing deck adjacent to the main Rocky Stage, VIP standing areas located in front of the main Rocky Stage and Liberty Stage, and complimentary Wi-Fi charging stations and photo opportunities."

Head over to madeinamericafest.com for full lineup and ticket information.

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Made in America 2018 lineup

As of right now, the specific lineups for each day have not been released. But no matter how each day is divided up, there are enough amazing acts to go around. From special headlining sets from "King" Kendrick Lamar and the newly annointed "Queen" Nicki Minaj, Jay really pulled in some favors to make this one of the most stacked hip-hop-centric festivals in recent memory.

Here is the full lineup for the Made in America 2018...
Kendrick Lamar, Nicki Minaj, Post Malone, Meek Mill, Diplo, Zedd, Miguel, Janelle Monáe, Alessia Cara, Daniel Caesar, Tekashi 6IX9INE, Pusha T, Fat Joe, 6LACK, Lil Skies, Belly, Ty Dolla $ign, Rich the Kid, Sabrina Claudio, Jessie Reyez, Louis the Child, Tchami, Lil B, Gunna, Cashmere Cat, Snakehips, Juice Wrld, Blocboy JB, SOB X RBE, Sheck Wes, Saint JHN, Jay Park, Saweetie, A$AP TWELVY, Jai Wolf, TOKIMONSTA, Preme, White Reaper, Clairo, Show Me The Body, Code Orange, Turnstile, SABA, Anna Lunoe, Driver Era, Bloodpop, Maxo Kream, Lost Kings, Injury Reserve, Hobo Johnson & the Lovemakers, Davido, Shorline Mafia, Elohim, Petal, Kweku Collins, Odie, Armani White, Amara La Negra, Buzzy Lee, Mir Fontane, Trouble, JPEGMAFIA, Tyla Yaweh, City Morgue, Louis Futon, Lophile, Wicca Phase Springs Eternal, Orion Sun, ZAHSOSSA

Steve Martin and Martin Short on friendship and why comedy never gets easier

The legendary funnymen open up about their careers, working together and more.

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Steve Martin and Martin Short have shared a friendship for decades, a camaraderie that shows when speaking with the pair as they get ready to hit the east coast for Labor Day weekend with their live production. We caught up with the legendary duo ahead of their stop at at Philadelphia's Mann Center on Thursday, Aug. 30.

What have you learned about yourself and each other during this tour?

Steve Martin: I actually found that I enjoyed live performance again as I haven't done so in such for a long time. I mean, I did the Steep Canyon Rangers shows with Edie Brickell, but that was different, that was all music. I hadn't performed comedically on a live stage since 1981. I do also know the reason that I am enjoying performing live is that I have a great partner. I wouldn't be enjoying this as much if it was just me. In that case, I would be alone backstage thinking, afraid. Now, there's Marty and the band. Everyone is joking around before the show.

Martin Short: I have to be honest. I don't know that I've learned so much, that I didn't know. Steve's work ethic, his focus, his writing abilities. His dedication to giving 100 percent for any job, no matter what the circumstance is always astounding. I knew that though.

What percentage of the show are you riffing?

Martin: Lenny Bruce once reminded people that his act may have seem ad-libbed, but he was adamant that he ad-libbed maybe three minutes, tops. Our show? We ad lib maybe five, maybe 10 or none. We're planners. You got to have a reason to ad lib. One ad lib in one show could turn into a three minute routine in a subsequent show. You're gingerly trying material from one town to another town.

Short: Steve has written books and plays and started as a writer. I started as an improviser. His focus comes from that tradition. I'll give you an example: Steve loves to tweet. I'm not so comfortable with it. With him, there is a certain ease. We were going to a Vanity Fair party, and I remember looking over at him, tweeting. He wrote that he was anxious to get to know Cher on a first name basis. Now that is a great joke and if I had thought of it I would tweet that out too.

How have you changed since you first met each other 35 years ago?

Martin: For me, it is the fact that I am looking at the end of a career. There is a certain kind of acceptance of that, and of us. With that, I feel more relaxed about going out there, onstage, because audiences have paid to

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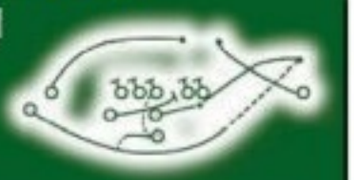

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see us with positive emotions regarding who we are. Sort-of. It just feels easier.

Short: It feels easier, but I will say that one of the misconceptions of being in comedy for many years the assumption is that it gets easier. It doesn't. Like doing television as I did a new series two years ago, "Maya and Marty" (with Maya Rudolph). That new show had the same level of stress as when I did "Saturday Night Live." That doesn't change for me. Once you sit back and say you have made it, you really should just quit.

Are there qualities you envy in each other?

Martin: Everyone likes Marty. I don't have that.

Short: Everyone knows you.

Martin: Yes, Marty, but no one is saying, "I wish I were a little less likable — like Steve."

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As summer winds down, reminders of the brutal cold of the wintry months might slowly start to creep back into your mind. While flashbacks to the polar vortex and the freezing blasts of wind we've experienced on the East Coast might wake you up in the middle of the night, planning a trip down to Florida's Plantation on Crystal River might be the perfect way to break up those cold winter days.

Swim with manatees at Plantation on Crystal River

Florida's Plantation on Crystal River is an extremely unique attraction in that it is the only place in North America where you will be able to legally interact and swim alongside the "cow of the sea" — the adorable manatee. Plantation offers two separate winter packages for visitors who wish to escape the harsh northeast winter for sunny Crystal River. Starting at $298 for a one-night stay for two guests, visitors will be given accommodation in the gorgeous garden view rooms at the Plantation. Once settled in, you will be given a guided manatee snorkeling tour from the Plantation Adventure Center. To make sure that you are prepared, the Center will provide you with a wetsuit, snorkel, and mask so that you will be able to make the most of your time with these incredible animals.

Breakfast for two at the West 82 Bar & Grill will be included the next morning for this starter package. If you would like to increase your stay at Plantation, you can upgrade your package to the Adventure Center Package. Starting at $549 for two guests for two nights, this package includes a complimentary dinner at the West 82 Bar & Grill as well as breakfast in the morning. Guests will also be treated to a guided tour of the Rainbow River, one of Florida's most breathtaking and pristine rivers and largest spring systems. Guests will have access to kayak rentals as well as all-day kayak tours along the river with guided sunset and early-sunrise tour options. Of course, guests will be able to swim with the manatees with the Adventure Center Package as well. You'll just have one more day to enjoy them in all of their glory.

Plantation on Crystal River.

Food at Plantation on Crystal River

We've mentioned the meals that will be provided for you on this special trip, but let's talk about some of the options that will be available during your stay. West 82 Bar & Grill offers meals with some of the freshest ingredients around, with special dishes including she-crab soup, slow-cooked baby back ribs, shrimp and grits, and pan-seared grouper. If you are feeling like something on the lighter side, you can hang out and watch the game at the West 82 bar for some quick snacks as well as some seriously delicious drinks from their full cocktail menu. Located off of Plantation's stellar golf course, you can grab breakfast and lunch daily at the 19th Hole or just a quick beer after hitting the links. For a different pace entirely, check out the Plantation Tiki Bar for some tropical drinks that will put you in the vacation mindset.

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Andrew Zimmern on how a big tip changed his life

The Food Network host talks about his new show, "Big Food Truck Tip," and the struggle of keeping your culinary dreams alive.

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Traveling chef and TV host Andrew Zimmern may be known best for devouring wild entrées and delicacies from all over the world on his long-running Travel Channel show "Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern." But with his new show "Big Food Truck Tip" on the Food Network he is on a new journey altogether.

On this new show, Zimmern will visit food trucks from all over the country and deliver a hefty "tip" of $10,000 to the food trucks that impress him the most. Zimmern recently spoke with Metro about the new show and how innovation and creativity is crucial to keeping a food truck business alive.

Your new show "Big Food Truck Tip" doesn't feature shows competing against each other; rather, you surprise them with a huge tip based on the quality of their food and their overall business model. What made you choose this direction?

I teach entrepreneurship at Babson College and I'm always telling my students that I don't compete against other people for anything. I compete against myself. But, I didn't want to do a show where three trucks competed against each other because how does a barbecue truck compete against a dumpling truck that is competing against a Spanish tapas truck? It's just impossible. So I had to create some kind of metric.

I think in some ways, given my skill set, I'm well-suited to do it and maybe some other people aren't so well-suited to do it, and maybe other people aren't so well suited to do it, to judge their food as primary criteria and also their potential and how well they fulfilled it and along with their impact on the food scene and what they're trying to do and how well they're achieving it... It's all part of giving them a grade within themselves. It's basically how well are they doing versus what I think would be the perfect versions of themselves. Because no one is the perfect versions of themselves. But I have a great way of imagining it!

Was there a moment when a tip from a customer changed or saved your life?

When I moved to Minnesota 27 years ago I was on life support. I spent months and months in the Hazelden Continuum of care. Primary treatment and then in a halfway house as a very sick addict and alcoholic. I was working as a dishwasher in restaurants just very anonymously with my head to down just trying to focus on my recovery. Then very quickly through a strange turn of events, I ended up taking over the kitchen of a restaurant in town and turned it into our first really great french bistro in the Twin Cities.

"The great thing about food trucks is that it's a way for entrepreneurs to get into the food game in a very inexpensive way."

I was probably nine months sober so I was three months into running the restaurant. I wasn't making any money. I came into sobriety with hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt to the IRS. Insurance only covered half of all of my treatment costs so I had that debt that I was paying back. I had no money. Everything that I made went straight to somebody else.

I was trying to make financial amends left and right to the people that I had harmed during my drinking and using days. I cooked a meal for somebody's birthday — it was a party of 12 — and the host came into the kitchen and put $500 into my pocket. I almost passed out. I was nine months sober and I never considered doing something for myself that made me happy. I was so focused on repaying the debt. So focused on doing all of the hard work that was in front of me. I had so much shame from the last year of my using. I was sick and confused at nine months. It takes years and years of sobriety to start to think clearly and to start to practice some healthy self-love and all of that other stuff. That money really made a huge impact on me.

On a bigger scale, or just trying to get by?

It's not a really good business model. What it is, is a very good business opportunity in pass… I know almost no one who comes into it with a three-year plan and a real way in which they are going to create a regular growing profit stream. The great thing about food trucks is that it's a way for entrepreneurs to get into the food game in a very inexpensive way. What happens immediately is that everyone realizes that some days are too hot and humid, some days are rainy and cold, some days there's snow, some days your truck gets a flat tire … All of that stuff goes out of the window the minute you open that truck.

So you get into the real politics of how much am I going to make and how much am I going to work? The answer is: less money and more of 'me'. So the successful truckers are the people who are able to pivot… If you're a dumpling truck, you may make more revenue selling bottles of your dumpling sauce than you might in food sales over the course of a year if you organize yourself in the right way... I think it's really crucial for truckers to be as creative as they are because it's an extremely hard business.

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Handicapping Eagles' fourth running back job

Will Josh Adams or Wendell Smallwood win the job?

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We have officially made it to the Eagles' final preseason game, which means the start of the 2018 NFL regular season is right around the corner. It also means that all 32 teams must cut down their rosters to 53 players by Sept. 1.

For the Eagles, they will have more than a few tough cuts in the coming days, starting with the running back position. This summer, the Eagles brought seven running backs to camp to essentially compete for four spots on the depth chart.

We already knew that Jay Ajayi, Corey Clement, and Darren Sproles were virtual locks to make the team, leaving Josh Adams, Matt Jones, Donnel Pumphrey, and Wendell Smallwood to fight for one spot.

Throughout three preseason games, each of these four running backs has had their fair share of good and bad moments. But none of them have pulled away and staked their claim as the lead back in this race.

Here at the Metro, we created a power ranking list of who is in the lead for the fourth spot heading into Thursday's preseason finale against the New York Jets.

1. Josh Adams
The undrafted free agent out of Notre Dame has made the most of his opportunities through the first three weeks of the preseason. In two preseason games against the Pittsburgh Steelers and Cleveland Browns, Adams rushed for 63 yards on 10 carries, which is a yards per carry (ypc) average of 6.3. Despite not reaching the end zone in either game, Adams has displayed a great deal of burst with his initial carries.

2. Wendell Smallwood
Smallwood easily could've been 1B behind Adams because he is having a solid preseason. After a disappointing 2017 season, where he was passed over by another undrafted free agent running back Corey Clement, this was a make-or-break summer for the former fifth-round pick.

Against the Browns, Smallwood got the start with the first-team and had 53 rushing yards on 12 carries, his best outing in the preseason. The former West Virginia product had a few good runs in the first half that displayed his vision, speed, and toughness.

Through three preseason games, Smallwood has 75 rushing yards on 22 carries.

3. Matt Jones
Unlike Adams and Smallwood, Jones has struggled this preseason. The veteran running back signed a two-year deal with the Eagles in the offseason to possibly fill the void left by LeGarrette Blount.
In last week's game against the Browns, Jones had a costly fumble in the second quarter that was punched out by a defender.

4. Donnel Pumphrey
There is not much to say about Pumphrey, who has dealt with a nagging hamstring injury for the last three weeks. He, along with Smallwood needed to have a good summer to make the Eagles' 53-man roster this season.

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Eagles tackle Jordan Mailata will need to have a strong game against the Jets. GETTY IMAGES

5 Eagles on roster bubble against Jets

Which Eagles will step up in the final preseason game?

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Unlike the first three Eagles preseason games, the final one on Thursday at home against the New York Jets will carry little intrigue for most fans. None of the starters will even be in uniform and all of the key positional jobs have been locked up.

However, the preseason finale does carry plenty of interest to players who will be fighting for one of the few remaining spots on the opening day roster. They have 60 minutes left to prove themselves before the team must reduce the roster from 90 to the league maximum 53 by 4 p.m. Saturday.

While most of the guys slated to play have little shot at making the team and are either auditioning for other teams or hoping to latch on with the Eagles practice squad, the following players still have a chance but are on the outside looking in and desperately need a brilliant performance.

1. WR Marcus Wheaton
The veteran has not been active this month due to an injury, but returned to practice this week and should make his preseason debut. He has a mixed track record (44 receptions for 749 yards and 5 touchdowns in 2015) but might not have enough time to provide a realistic sample size of his possible production.
Verdict: Cut

2. DE Joe Ostman
With three tackles against the Browns last week, the undrafted free agent didn't hurt his chances but also didn't exactly help them. Although he has shown glimpses of developing into a solid pass-rusher and is physical, Ostman plays a position where the team has considerable depth. Another consistent performance would likely guarantee him a job somewhere in the NFL.
Verdict: Eagles practice squad

3. DT Elijah Qualls
The optics don't look good for the 2017 sixth-round pick when undrafted rookie Bruce Hector is getting playing time ahead of him. It also hasn't helped that Qualls has been unimpressive when given a chance. He played in just six games last year and the team had high hopes for him entering training camp. Qualls needs to make multiple stops and create big plays to probably remain an Eagle.
Verdict: Eagles practice squad

4. CB De'Vante Bausby
After spending last year on the Eagles practice squad, the second-year player has fallen even deeper down the depth chart behind fourth-round pick Avonte Maddox. The Eagles need to see a true breakout game, or someone ahead of him to suffer an injury, to consider even debating whether or not to retain him — on the practice squad.
Verdict: Cut

5. OL Jordan Mailata
Admit it, the 6-foot-8, 350-pound Australian is intriguing and fun to watch. Despite not playing football before this year, the former rugby player and seventh-round draft pick has impressed the coaching staff with the speed at which he's picked up the position, his potential, and athleticism. The problem is that, so has the rest of the league.
Even though the Eagles would prefer to keep him on their practice squad, Mailata might get claimed on waivers by another team before they have the chance. Better to avoid the risk.
Verdict: Eagles roster

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OPINION

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Roll with Cousins

Kirk Cousins has quietly finished as a top-eight fantasy quarterback in each of the last three seasons, and he's done it with a very underwhelming supporting cast around him. He traded Washington burgundy for Minnesota purple in the offseason, and is now at the helm of one of the most all-around talented rosters in the NFL. Cousins now gets to throw to the best wide receiver tandem in football with Adam Thielen and Stefon Diggs, has a capable pass-catching tight end with a nose for the end zone in Kyle Rudolph, and has an electric backfield that defenses have to respect with Dalvin Cook and Latavius Murray to hand the ball off to.

Kupp a keeper

The Rams brought in Brandin Cooks to replace Sammy Watkins as the main vertical threat in the Los Angeles Rams offense, but honestly I see him more as an expensive decoy who will have a few great games. The sustainable fantasy production is going to come from the receiver that quarterback Jared Goff has the best rapport with, and that is undoubtedly Cooper Kupp. As a rookie, Kupp and Goff hooked up for 869 yards and five touchdowns, and there is plenty of room for those numbers to increase, especially the latter.

Draft Sleepers of the Week

Corey Clement, RB, Philadelphia Eagles — Jay Ajayi is currently dealing with a lower-body injury,

The Rams' Cooper Kupp remains a top fantasy target. GETTY IMAGES

and should he miss any time, Clement would be the back to own in Philly. He will likely eat into Ajayi's touches, even if he is healthy.

Keelan Cole, WR, Jacksonville Jaguars — With presumed WR1 Marqise Lee done for the season, Cole is instantly the most intriguing receiver in Jacksonville. He showed legitimate flashes of brilliance late last season, and now the targets should be available for him to shine.

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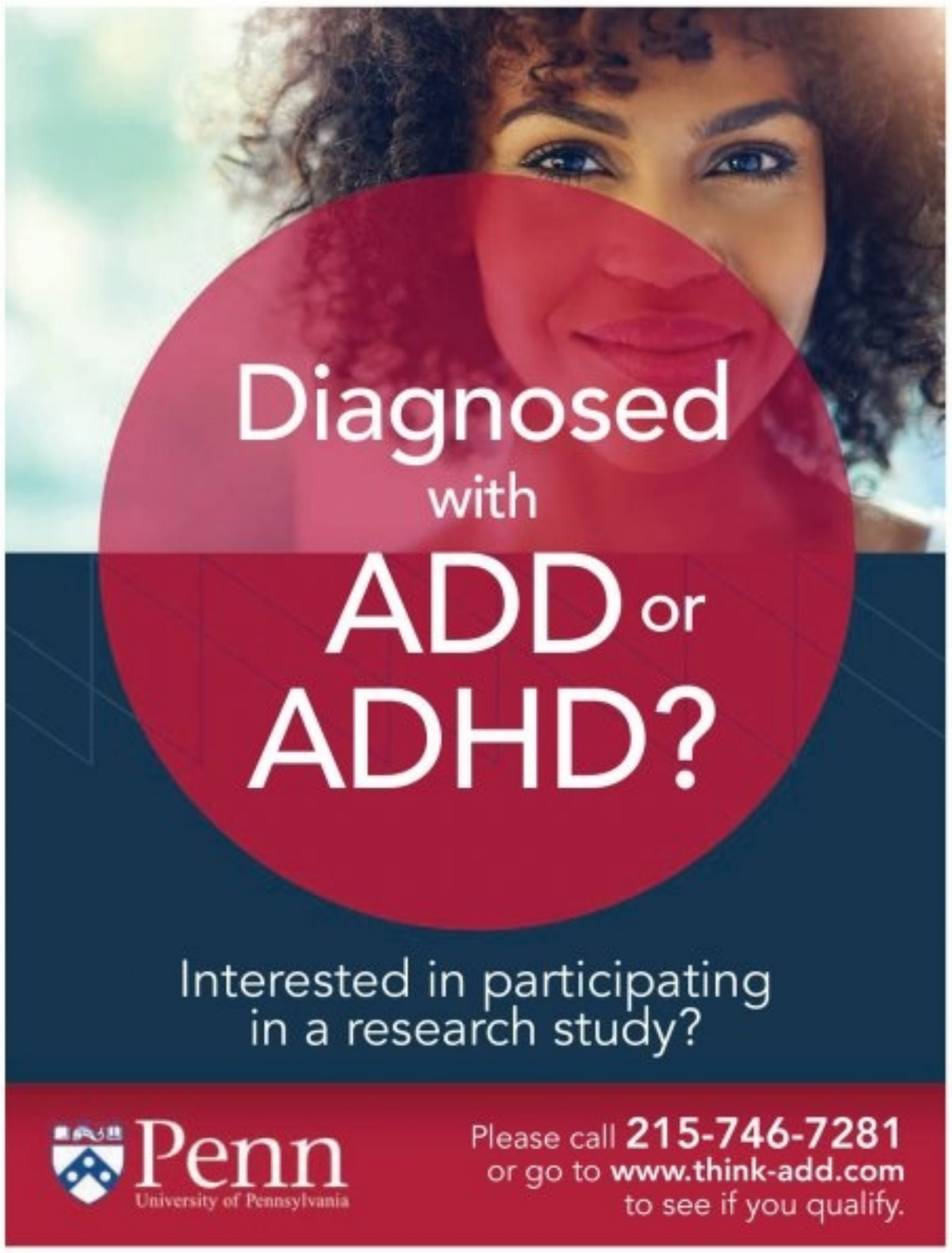

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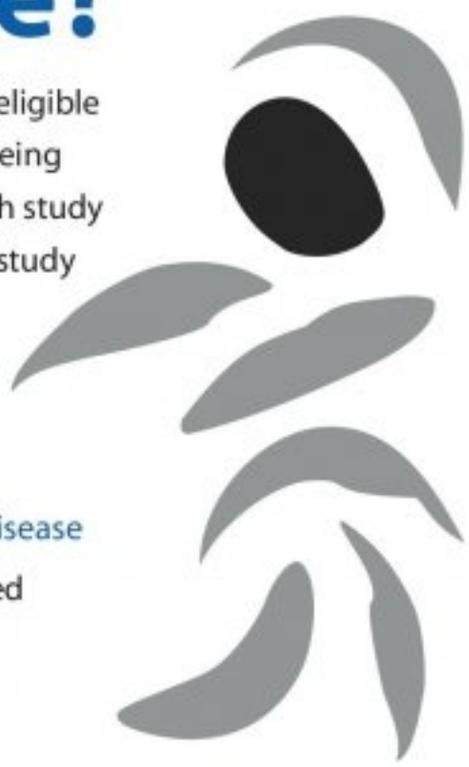

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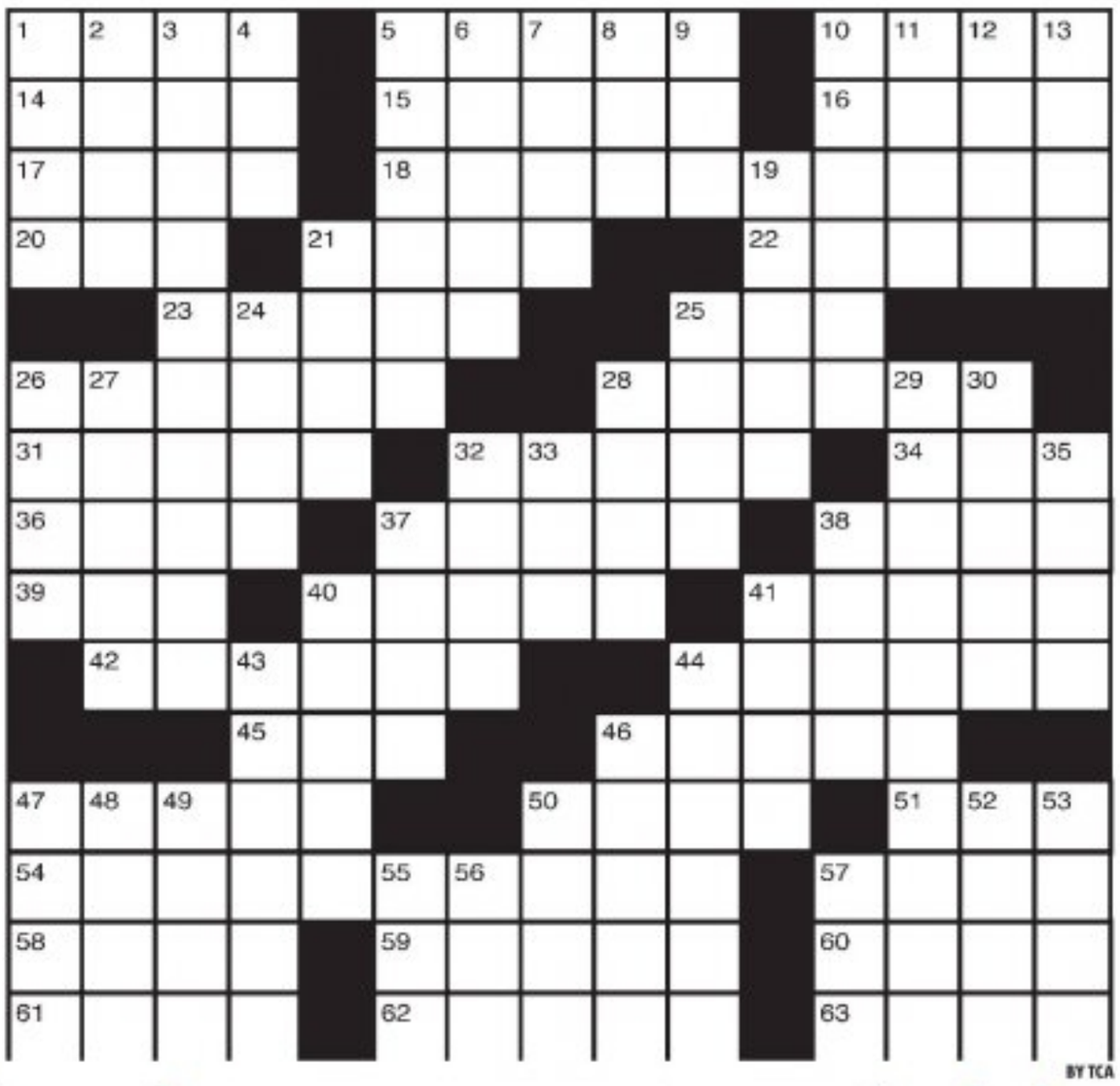

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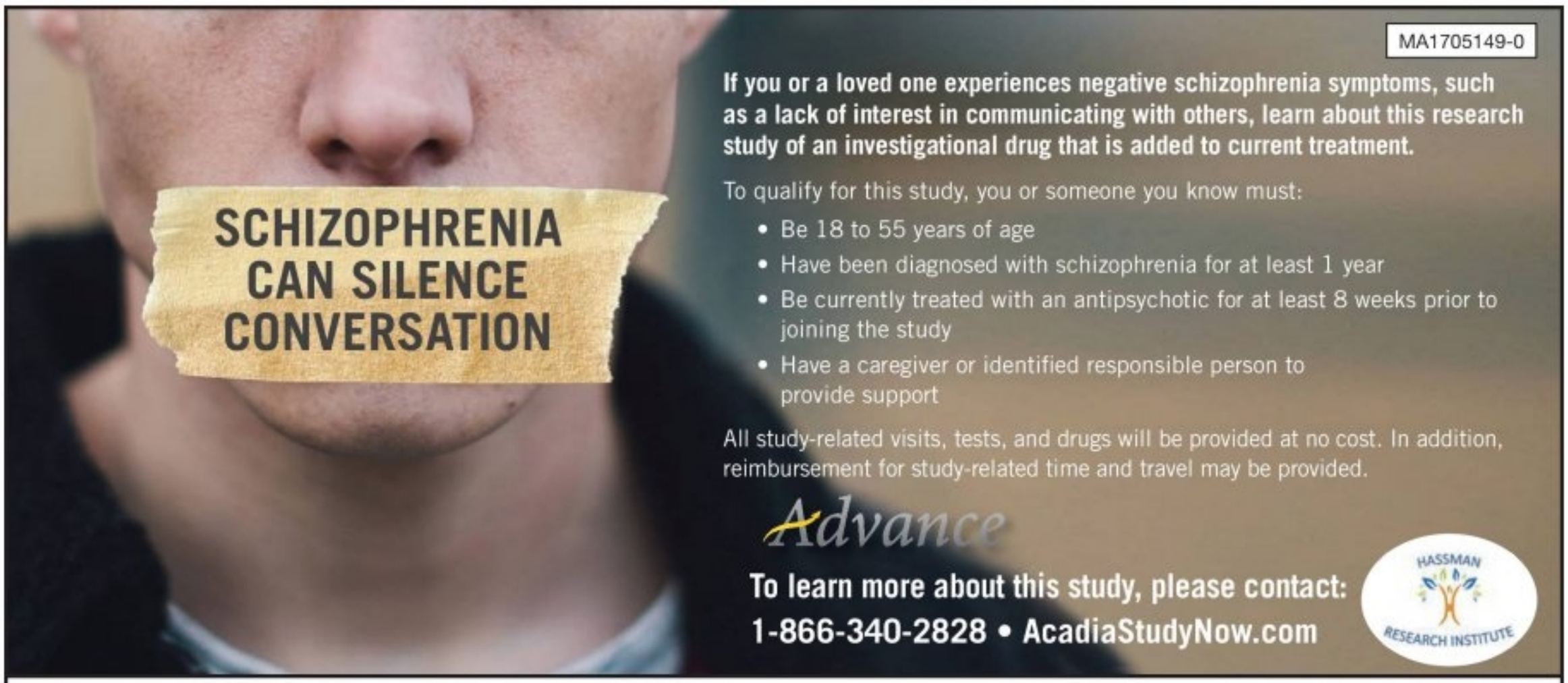

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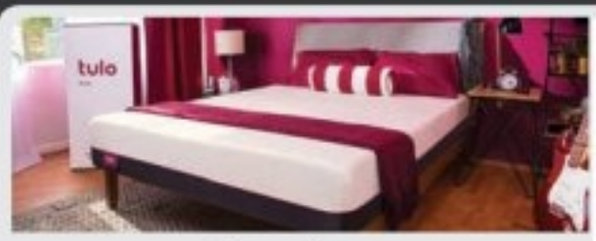

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